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MUCH TEST WORK IN KENTUCKY OIL FIELDS

Western and Northern Counties Show Results—Newcomers Invest More Capital.

Lexington, Ky., June 4.—Considering that the prevailing prices of Kentucky crude oil are the lowest ever quoted an unusual amount of test work is being conducted in various districts apart from the established fields. Work in the western and northern counties is reaching important proportions, and the capital invested in the industry has been considerably increased by newcomers, who are developing untapped fields. While the outcome of the work in fields which have no tan established production is a matter of speculation, some progress has been made by the drill along new lines, and prolific fields may be added to Kentucky's source of production.

New operators have lately entered several Western Kentucky counties, including Muhlenberg, Hopkins and Webster. Several drills, it is announced will shortly be put to work in these counties. Some oil and gas has already been revealed by prospecting and Muhlenberg county has shown gas in commercial quantities. Further south, in Logan county, a number of oil wells have been drilled and the field will be further tried out this summer. Warren county, bordering Logan, has also shown oil and gas in small quantities, and Kentucky operators will drill over leases.

In Northeastern Kentucky, West Virginia operators have been doing some important test work in the search for the Berea grit sand. This is the formation which is so productive in West Virginia, and has been found in Lawrence county, where several small wells have been drilled. Two rigs are now up in that section. Mason county, on the Ohio river, is also being tested. In Tennessee Louisville operators have good prospecting Tipton county, and have good prospects for oil and gas. Extensive drilling operations will be carried on during the summer months.

In the established districts a scarcity of water for drilling purposes has been a handicap during the past two weeks. No rain has visited the lower Kentucky districts for over a month, and the smaller streams have run dry, making it necessary to haul water for long distances.

The best of late strikes was a twenty-five-barrel well in the Mt. Pisgah district, Wayne county, drilled by Pennsylvania operators. The strike is close to the proven district. The only other completion was a light oiler at Parnellsville.

The usual amount of new work has been started lately in the lower Kentucky districts. Mainly the new work is close to the established districts. Among new operators is a New York company, which will drill in the Parnellsville district.

The week in upper Kentucky was featureless, there being no completions. Some new work is in prospect for the Wolfe county field, and arrangements will probably be made to start the drill to moving within the next few days.

Crude oil production maintains a fair average, there being little difference between the weekly runs. Production for a week past was 9,964 barrels. Prices remain as formerly, 72 cents and 45 cents on the two grades.

Col. C. M. Barnett Selected.

Col. C. M. Barnett, senior editor of The Republican, has been selected as one of the managers of Judge E. C. O'Rear's campaign for Governor. He left last week for Louisville and has established headquarters at the Louisville Hotel, and will be in that city the greater portion of the time for several weeks.

Grand Jury in open Air.

Elizabethtown, Ky., June 6.—For the first time in the history of this county and perhaps the first time in the state, a session of the grand jury was convened and held in the open air. Though the thermometer was standing close to the century mark, it was not on account of the high temperature that this was done, but because Circuit Judge Chief who has been ill for some time, was unable to be moved into the courthouse. So, with Judge Chief sitting in his pony cart on the edge of the sidewalk and with the grand jurors arranged in rows beneath the shade of the great trees in the courthouse yard, the session was opened and the county attorney delivered the charge with all the solemnity that usually accompanies the opening of court.

O'Rear Speaks at Russellville.

Russellville, Ky., June 5.—Judge Edward C. O'Rear spoke here to-day to about 300 people. He made about the same speech that he made at Hopkinton, but stated that he had tried to pitch his campaign upon a high plane and would not descend to personalities with any man. He made a good impression upon his audience, many of whom were Democrats.

Lovers Drown With Others in Utah Lake.

Salt Lake, Utah June 4.—Six persons were drowned in Utah Lake to-day when the launch Galilee, on which sixteen people were attending a party given in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Vera Brown and Edward B. Holmes, capsized.

Among the drowned were the prospective bride and groom and two children of Capt. Edwin Brown, owner of the launch.

PRESIDENT OF I. C. VISITS BRICKLAYER BROTHER

At Hopkinsville—Met two Months ago After Many Years Separation.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 4.—For the first time since the discovery two months ago that Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad and John T. Markham, the retired brick contractor of this city are brothers the railroad president visited his brother here to-day.

He telephoned last night that he was coming and he arrived in his private car over the Louisville and Nashville at 5:38 o'clock and the brothers met at 8 o'clock. Their meeting was hearty, but not unduly effusive.

It had been expected President Markham would remain here all day, but he left at 10 o'clock going to Nortonville and thence over the Illinois Central to Chicago. John Markham accompanied him as far as Dawson Springs where he will spend several days.

While here President Markham was introduced to a number of the leading business men, visited the local offices of the Illinois Central, and was taken for an automobile trip over the town. He warmly complimented the town for its evident thrift, prosperity and beauty, and when he left stated he would pay frequent visits here in the future.

Soon after the discovery of the relationship the brothers met in Memphis and fully established their kinship. This is their second meeting. They were born at Clarksville. John being several years the older, and separated soon after the Civil War and the family going North except John since which all trace had been lost until the newspapers in announcing Charles Markham's election to the Presidency of the Illinois Central gave a sketch of his life.

Centertown Bank to Open.

A few weeks ago an application was made to Secretary of State Bruner asking that a charter be granted to the new bank at Centertown. The request was refused, and it was thought that the people of Centertown would not get a bank.

Later the Secretary of State decided to grant the charter, and has so informed the stockholders of the new institution. Mr. Alvin Rowe, assigned for the Bank of Centertown, was interviewed yesterday afternoon and he stated that a meeting of the stockholders was held Tuesday and he thought within less than four weeks the new bank would be in operation. Since the dissolution of the Bank of Centertown the people of that city have labored hard to organize a new bank, and it is with much gratification that they learn they will get the charter. Fifty per cent of the stock will be taken by Evansville capitalists as was planned some time ago.

OHIO COUNTY WINS OUT IN BAIRD CASE

Great Victory for the County in Winning Suit—Saved of Paying Over \$11,000 and Cost.

In the United States Circuit Court, for the Western District of Kentucky the case of A. B. Baird vs. Ohio County, was decided by Judge Evans, last Friday in favor of Ohio County. The case was tried the first week in May, at Owensboro, for the second time, having been sent back from the Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati, about one year ago. The decision is a complete victory for Ohio County, and the attorneys representing the county in the case, Judge Evans decided the case against the plaintiff, but the opinion handed down by the Court of Appeals left him very little room to aid the plaintiff at this trial, saying in his opinion that he had endeavored to be liberal to the plaintiff, in as much as he considered it difficult for him to make out his case under the opinion of the court. Judge Evans dismissed the plaintiff's petition with cost. It has been a long, hard, uphill fight for the defendants and the county has really been the party which has been placed in a difficult position to defend its interests because of the ancient origin of the case and the death of nearly all of the witnesses who could have testified to material facts for the county. However right and justice have prevailed and the county is saved an immense amount of cost and the payment of over \$11,000 as unjust claim as was ever attempted to be collected. Had Ohio County lost this case it would have embarrassed the Fiscal Court in the management of her financial affairs for years to come and would have forced the county to go without many needed improvements which can now be provided for. The result is a great victory for Ohio County and her citizens.

New Lawyer for Hartford.



HON. OTTO C. MARTIN.

The above is a splendid likeness of Hon. Otto C. Martin, of this city, who has just been graduated from the Law Department of Kentucky State University, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. Martin is another of the native sons of Ohio County that has made a splendid record for himself, his town, and his county. He is the son of Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. R. B. Martin, and is a young man of sterling worth and splendid attainments.

While yet a young man he has received an education and training that many older men never receive. Three years ago he was graduated from Hartford College, and while a student in that institution did splendid work, which was favorably mentioned by the President, Prof. L. N. Gray. In September following his graduation in Hartford he went to Lexington to attend the Kentucky State University. At that place he took one year's work in the classical course before entering the Law Department, thus fitting himself in a literary line for his law work. Only a few days before graduating from Kentucky State University Mr. Martin went to Cincinnati, Ky., where he successfully passed one of the most rigid bar examinations ever given to a member of a graduating class. He is naturally talented in his chosen profession, and in his school days at Hartford College and at Kentucky State University was noted for his oratorical attainments. His many friends will be glad to learn that he has decided to locate in Hartford, and wish him much success.

YOUNG MAN STRUCK BY TRAIN AT DEANFIELD

Is Taken to Fordsville for Medical Attention—Man Attempted to Flag the Train.

A. P. Pryor, a young farmer living near Deanfield, was struck by the Illinois Central passenger train a few miles from Deanfield Monday morning and as a result he sustained two severe fractures of the skull, which the doctors who attended him think are necessarily fatal.

The young man was standing on the track and attempted to flag the train, which was running very slowly, in order that his wife might catch the train and go to Deanfield. As the train approached, he stayed on the track and was struck by the engine.

The force of the blow rendered him unconscious and when he was picked up and placed in the baggage car on the train, he was bleeding at the nose, and ears, his head was badly cut and it was at first thought that he was dead.

He was taken to Fordsville where the surgeons for the railroad company did every thing that they could for the man and where he is still being cared for. It is thought however that the injuries which he sustained will prove fatal.

The man's wife was standing near the track at the time of the accident and was a witness to the whole affair. It is stated by several of the passengers that the railroad company was not at fault and that the accident could hardly have been averted.

IN KENTUCKY.

LUCKY AND UNLUCKY REPORTER

Lexington, Ky., June 4.—Guy J. Juett, a reporter for the Lexington Herald, was slugged with brass knuckles early this morning by John Maupin, a Berea negro. Tonight it developed that Juett is likely to get a reward of \$25 offered for the negro, who is wanted in Madison county, both for house-breaking and jail-breaking. Juett was at lunch in a Greek restaurant when the negro entered the place and sat down on a stool beside him. Juett ordered him out and was upheld by the manager. The negro waited outside and attacked Juett. Juett was not much hurt and promptly telephoned the police, who looked Maupin up. He has a bad record in Madison county.

KILLING AT RAILROAD CAMP.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 4.—The third tragedy on successive Saturday nights was the killing of Will, alias "Kid" Davis at a railroad construction camp near Casey last night. He was shot in the head with a shotgun and killed instantly. Tom Sowers, colored is missing and is charged with the killing.

Two weeks ago Miss Ella Craves was shot and killed, it is alleged, by Herbert Cobb, a suitor, because she would not marry him. A week ago, L. L. Nichols, delinquent tax collector, was thrown by his horse and killed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Paducah, Ky., June 6.—Arrangements are being made to open the sanatorium on Jackson's Hill, where tuberculosis will be treated on July 1. The plumbing is nearing completion. Beds have been made for the wards and the furniture is ready to be installed. The Anti-Tuberculosis Association is hurrying to open the sanatorium July 1, as if it is opened later no appropriation will be received from the State. Funds are greatly needed. Dr. S. Z. Holland was elected a director in place of Dr. H. P. Sights, who moved to Hopkinsville.

MACCABEES OBSERVE MEMORIAL.

Carlisle, Ky., June 4.—Maccabees of Nicholas county and this section of the Bluegrass gathered here in large numbers this afternoon and held annual Memorial services and decorated the graves of deceased members in the Carlisle cemetery. The principal address was delivered by William Conley.

IS GIVEN CADETSHIP.

Central City, Ky., June 5.—David Duncan, son of D. J. Duncan, of this county, has just been appointed a cadet to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and has accepted. He will take the examination on June 20.

BOOTLEGGER GOES TO JAIL.

Morganfield, Ky., June 7.—George Gibson of Sturgis, was fined \$60 and costs on two separate charges of bootlegging by a Magistrate. He was unable to pay his fine and was brought to Morganfield and placed in jail.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Dixon, Ky., June 4.—The lifeless body of Robert T. Mitchell was found lying on the tracks of the Louisville and Nashville railroad near S-bree, Ky., and it is supposed he was killed by being struck by a train. Mitchell is survived by a widow and four children.

Night Riders in Warren.

Bowling Green, Ky., June 6.—Night riders visited the home of James C. Haffin, a tenant on the farm of C. B. Tucker, near Plano, this county late Saturday night and after scraping three tobacco beds, left a bundle of switches and a threatening letter, in which he was warned not to raise any tobacco this year. Another letter to this effect was received a month ago, but no attention was paid to it, as it was thought to be only a prank. There is no clue to the identity of these guilty.

O'REAR'S STATITUDE TOWARD LAWLESS

Tells Lyon County Voters if Elected Governor He will Use Power to Prosecute all Offenders.

Kuttawa, Ky., June 4.—Judge E. C. O'Rear, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, spoke to a good crowd of Lyon county voters here yesterday. Judge O'Rear has not been billed to speak but as there was a good crowd here he was solicited to discuss the issues of the day. Many wished to hear him express himself, especially on the night rider question.

It has been charged that Judge O'Rear was in sympathy with the night rider organization in Kentucky, but his speech here left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that he is in favor of the full enforcement of the law. He pledged himself if elected Governor to use every effort in his power to prosecute all offenders against the law, both high and low.

Judge O'Rear met many voters during his short stay here, many of them being Democrats, and particularly "law and order men" all of whom seemed to feel kindly toward him. From present indications Judge O'Rear will get Lyon county's instructions in the county convention.

Thomas B. McGregor, of Marshall county and candidate for Attorney General, was with Judge O'Rear. Mr. McGregor was the Republican candidate for Representative in the Lyon-Marshall district four years ago, and carried the county over John L. Smith, the Democratic nominee.

Albert Leach a Candidate.

Albert Leach, of Beaver Dam, who has announced in this issue as a candidate for Representative is a native of Ohio county and was reared on a farm. His father and mother both died before he was three years old. He attended school in the country and afterward at Beaver Dam. He is a miner and has served six years as check weighman at Taylor Mines. He is a member of the Miners Union and has been for the past 10 or 12 years. He has been selected as a delegate to represent the union at the meetings of the operators and the union, on several occasions. Mr. Leach is a Republican and is well qualified to fill the position to which he aspires.

Died at Owensboro.

The following from the Owensboro Inquirer is concerning the death of the little child of Rev. Ellis A. Cottrell, who is well known in Hartford. William Ellis, the eight-months-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Ellis A. Cottrell of Falmouth, Ky., died at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of his grandfather, Mr. J. H. Cottrell, on South Allen street, to whom his mother was paying a visit. The funeral took place from Mr. Cottrell's residence, conducted by Rev. M. A. Jenkins, the interment being at Elmwood cemetery.

LOST PRISONER WALKS INTO THE PENITENTIARY

Makes no Effort to Escape Sentence—Calmly Waits for Officer to Arrive.

Frankfort, Ky., June 5.—"Has a Deputy Sheriff from Bell county been here? I am William Hill and I am to serve five years in this place."

This rather surprising announcement was made to the clerk of the penitentiary this morning by a tall, good looking man, who walked into the office at the entrance of the prison. The guards and Col. E. E. Mudd, the warden, began to question the man. He said his name was Hill and that he had been brought to Frankfort by a Deputy Sheriff from Bell county, but had become separated from the officer, in the crowd about the L. & N. depot. Hill said he thought the officer had gone on to the penitentiary and as he knew the way, Hill went on to the prison.

As there were no commitment papers the warden could not receive Hill as a prisoner and the soon-to-be convict sat on a bench in front of the penitentiary for an hour waiting for the Deputy Sheriff to appear with the papers. That official finally appeared and Hill was admitted as a convict. The deputy said he knew that Hill would make no effort to escape and could be trusted, so he had not paid much attention to his prisoner after they alighted from the train. The deputy stopped to talk to an acquaintance he met on the depot platform and became separated from his prisoner. When he missed Hill he made a short search and then went to the prison, expecting to find Hill there. He was not disappointed.

Hill killed a man who, it is said, was attacking his father and about to crush his head with a stone. He also shot another man who started to draw a weapon, after the first killing. The case attracted some attention at the time, and now that Hill has showed his honesty it is likely that an effort will be made to shorten his prison term.

CENTERTOWN.

June 6.—Miss Lorena Miller, of Central Grove, visited her aunt, Mrs. O. M. Bishop last week.

Mr. M. G. Snell and family, of this place who have been visiting relatives at Paducah have returned home.

Miss Barbara Shultz, of Prentiss, is visiting her aunt Mrs. C. M. Swain, of this place.

Misses Josie Everly and Josie Coffman, of Point Pleasant, are visiting Miss Rena Tichenor this week.

Miss Irene Davis visited friends and relatives at Equality from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Inez Tichenor visited relatives near McHenry last week.

Mr. Robert Swain, of Prentiss, was in town last week on business.

Little Miss Nellie D. Goodall entertained Friday. Those present were: Misses Laura Whalen, Gertrude and Irene McMillan, Erma Tichenor, Margaret Lee, Annie Roneer, Ruby Neal, Faught, Floesie Mason, Rena Tichenor, and Irene Davis. She received many nice presents, all left for their homes at six o'clock wishing that Nellie's birthday would come often.

Several from here attended singing at Smallhouse, Sunday.

Miss Mamie Rowe, who has been sick is improved.

Mrs. Flora Kincheloe and children of Central City are visiting Mrs. Barney Rowe this week.

Mr. Albert Taylor, of McHenry, was in town Sunday on very important business.

Mrs. Lizzie O'Flynn, of Utica, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Morton of this place.

Miss Edith Carson and Mr. Herbert Sanders were in town Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Rex O'Flynn and family of Utica, who have been visiting relatives at this place have returned home.

Mr. C. K. Roneer was in Hartford Monday on business.

Notice.

Those who have stock to ship will please notify the committee, Thursday or Friday—wool delivery days—at Beaver Dam.

W. B. TIDWELL.